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US INTERFERING WITH CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY

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IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL JUNE 21, "US CHALLENGES CANADA'S  
INDEPENDENCE," THE TORONTO STAR RETURNS TO A FAVORITE  
THEME, THE INTERFERENCE OF THE US GOVERNMENT WITH  
CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY BY ATTEMPTS TO EXTEND US LAW  
INTO CANADA. IN VIEW OF THE STRENGTH OF THE EDITORIAL  
AND THE SENSITIVITY OF THE TOPIC, THE EDITORIAL IS TRANS-  
MITTED IN ITS ENTIRETY:

QUOTE: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, ITS POLITICIANS IN  
CONGRESS, ITS CORPORATE EXECUTIVES WHO MANAGE SUB-  
SIDIARIES IN CANADA AND ITS COURTS ALL HAVE A LOT TO  
LEARN YET ABOUT CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

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"THIS HAS BECOME DISTURBINGLY CLEAR DURING US  
CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS INTO A CANADIAN-INSPIRED  
URANIUM CARTEL THAT OPERATED FROM 1972 UNTIL 1974. THE  
CONCERN OF THE CONGRESS IS OVER THE ROLE OF A US-CONTROLLED  
SUBSIDIARY IN CANADA IN THE CARTEL.

"US POLITICIANS ARE SUGGESTING THAT GULF MINERALS

LTD., A CANADIAN COMPANY CONTROLLED BY GULF OIL CORP. IN THE U.S., HAD NO BUSINESS OBEYING CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES IF THEY WERE AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. AND U.S. COURTS ARE ATTEMPTING TO FORCE CANADIAN CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAR IN THE U.S. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. CANADA CAN NEVER ACCEPT SUCH INTERFERENCE IN ITS OWN SOVEREIGNTY.

"THIS ATTEMPT BY THE U.S. TO EXTEND ITS LAW INTO CANADA RAISES CRUCIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. RESPECT FOR CANADA'S SOVEREIGNTY.

"IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT CONFIDENTIAL CANADIAN DOCUMENTS HAVE ENDED UP IN US COURTS AND THE US CONGRESS. THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE GULF'S CANADIAN AFFILIATE SHIPPED THEM BACK TO THE PARENT COMPANY'S HEAD OFFICE IN THE US WHERE THEY WERE SUBPOENAED. LAST SEPTEMBER OTTAWA ISSUED A POLICY STATEMENT TO AT LEAST PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.

"YET GULF'S OWN DOCUMENTS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ITS CANADIAN AFFILIATE WENT ALONG WITH CANADA'S URANIUM POLICIES ONLY AFTER IT DETERMINED THEY DID NOT CONFLICT WITH US LAW. INDEED IN DOCUMENTS FILED WITH CONGRESS, GULF SAID ITS CANADIAN AFFILIATE TOLD OTTAWA ITS URANIUM ACTIVITIES HERE "MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH APPLICABLE US TRADE RESTRAINT LAWS, EVEN WHEN IN CONFLICT WITH STATED CANADIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS".

"SUCH A STATEMENT FROM A US SUBSIDIARY IN CANADA IS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE, AS WAS GULF OIL CORP, CHAIRMAN JERRY MCAFEE'S COMMENT THAT HIS COMPANY'S CANADIAN AFFILIATE ALSO TOLD OTTAWA ITS ACTIONS "HAD TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH US ANTI-TRUST LAWS."

"IT'S NOT ENOUGH, AS US ATTORNEY-GENERAL GRIFFIN BELL SUGGESTED IN OTTAWA LAST WEEK, TO SET UP AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM SO CANADA AND THE US CAN PREVENT ANTI-TRUST DISPUTES FROM BECOMING INTERNATIONAL SORE POINTS. CANADIAN AND US CABINET MINISTERS HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR A DECADE.

"WHAT'S NEEDED IS A CLEAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE US GOVERNMENT THAT ITS LAWS STOP AT THE BORDER. THIS SHOULD BE BACKED UP WITH A CANADIAN LAW, WITH TOUGH PENALTIES, THAT REMOVES ANY DOUBT ABOUT CANADA'S RESOLVE TO PREVENT FOREIGN LAWS FROM AFFECTING THE INTERESTS AND POLICIES OF THIS COUNTRY.

"CANADA CANNOT ALLOW FOREIGN LAWS TO EXTEND THEI  
REACH INTO THIS COUNTRY. TO DO SO WOULD BRING  
INTO QUESTION OUR EXISTENCE AS AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY.  
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